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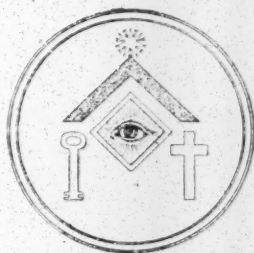
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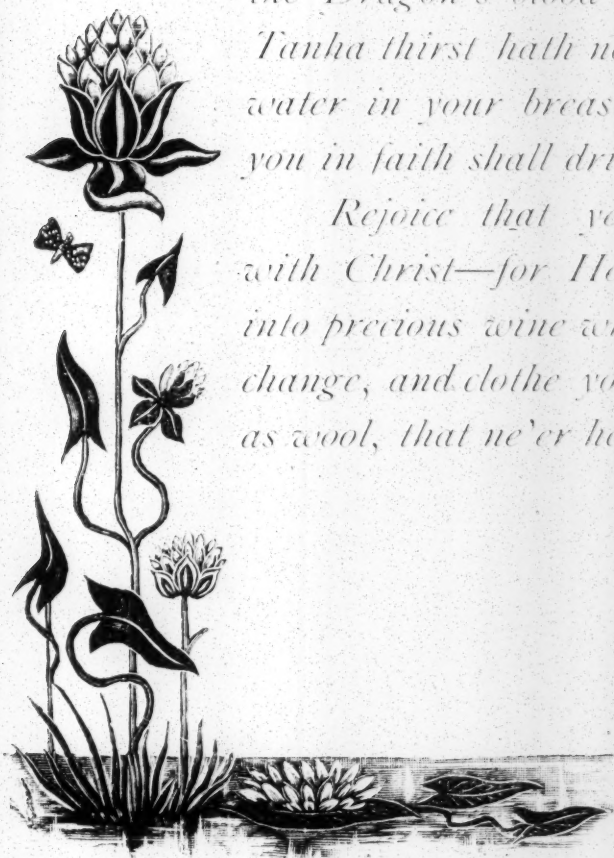


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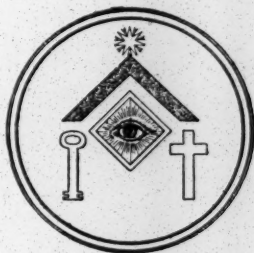
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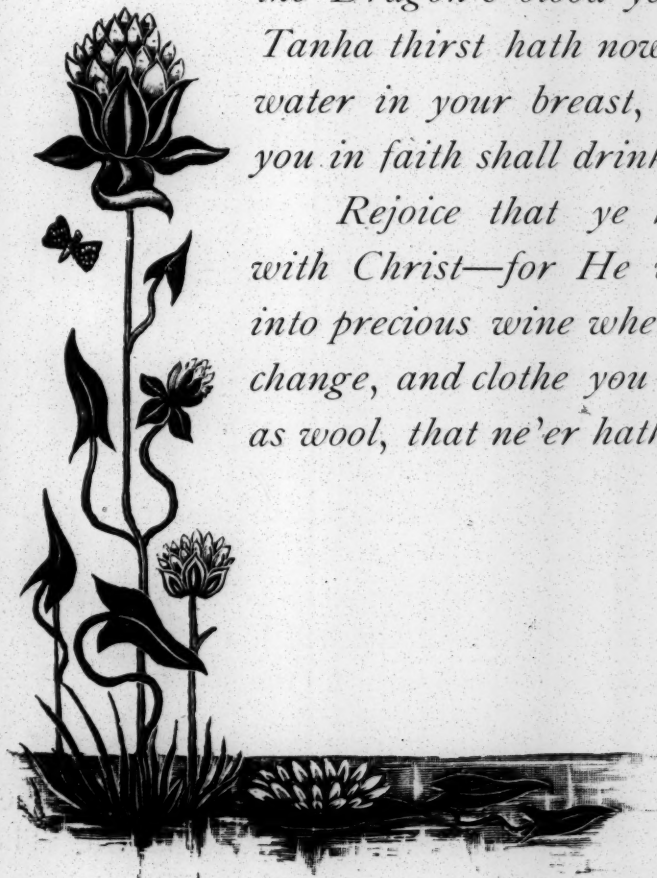


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## THE HOLY GRAIL.

Why is it that the golden cup we crave—  
 The sweetest cup of all, we never drain?  
 From mystic birth-hour to the cryptic grave,  
 Its gleam transcends us like a lost refrain.

Dear heart, within its magic chalice lies  
 The key to all that e'er has gone before;  
 Grieve not; its fathomed depth is Paradise,  
 Its dregs the sands of that immortal shore.

It is the burdens borne, the gropings lone,  
 The aspirations by thy faith set free,  
 Its transmutation, wine life-giving, grown,  
 Within the golden bowl thy hopes shall see.

Its wondrous gem-starred rim shines very near,  
 When orphan woes are hushed upon the breast;  
 Or when for justice rings thy message clear,  
 A beacon to the lost or world-opprest.

Seek on, dear heart, the cup is almost won  
 When Brother-love to human kin is given;  
 And when before its shrine thy quest is done,  
 The soul shall see the opened gate of heaven.  
 —Mary Jessie Micklejohn, in "The Initiates."

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 FROM THE MOUNTAIN TOP.

O man of many words, who knoweth not *The Word* thy noise doth hide from thee. Thou reveler within and squanderer of God's most precious gift—who feeleth no regret for wasted lesser lives, and in thy mad extravagance doth often drench the sphere with which thou art encompassed, with streams of energy so wide, so powerful for good or ill, that thou would'st stand abashed but for thy ignorance, thy foolish exaltation of the *shadow* to the throne of Wisdom, thereby rendering thee a piteous object of compassion in the eyes of those—thine Elder Brothers—who stand and wait beside the inner gate they will not enter lest mankind be left alone, a guideless, oarless vessel on the shoreless ocean of eternal life. The gate which they have won the right to open as they will, and pass



to endless bliss and union with the God they long have sought. But, ah, how little understood by man, this sacrifice divine! How oft doth puny man fling back into their faces all the gifts laid on the sacrificial fires, and cry, "I will have none of thee, thou God or Christ, or manikin, whate'er thou art! I alone will choose and go my way without thy guidance or the aid of those who worship such as Thou." Alas! he knows not that he long ere now had sunk to nothingness were it not for those he now contemns. He knows not that he holds within his feeble clasp the instrument to sound the key to all the greater mysteries now in suspension held within that shoreless ocean; the key which sets the bounds or breaks them, to all forms, all lesser lives; but if that key is sounded, he must yield his lower life in rite of sacrifice; that life of sense to which he clings tenaciously, beside which other forms of life seem cold and dead.

He cannot see as yet that in yielding he will find himself, the Self he long since lost.

Only he who *gives his life* shall find and keep his life eternally.

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### THE HERESY OF SEPARATENESS.

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It is a well known fact among chemists, that upon the release of a single nascent atom from the other constituent atoms of any compound, by means of chemical action, the released atom seeks with newly aroused energy, to unite itself with any other freed atom within its sphere of movement; but it is not so well known that the newly realized power which impels it to this action, is derived from the shock which the other atoms of the compound sustained from the hammering which they received at the time the atom was freed. The propelling power which launched it into space was drawn from the common reservoir, the reserve force which the combination of atoms possessed; therefore the latter was more or less temporarily crippled by the loss of force. But the loss sustained by the combination was little, compared to the loss which the freed atom must sustain, if it cannot immediately unite itself with other freed atoms; for, like all other users of suddenly acquired power, the velocity and intensity of its action soon causes exhaustion and devitalization, and the strength of the freed atom dwindles to nothing, in short order.

The Temple is now suffering from a condition corresponding to that of the above mentioned combination of atoms; it has sus-

tained a shock by the expulsion of some of its atoms. The expulsive force must always come from within the body, whatever be the exciting cause from without, and the expulsive force of such an organic body is the reserve force which is most necessary for the development of the body as a whole. No matter how indifferent or inefficient be the member thus expelled from the main body, his comrades must suffer from the common blow; but fortunately, the law avenges the whole body by taking away the ability of the one to seriously stultify the future actions of that body, and cuts off his power of profiting by the success of the same, because Nature is constantly working for combination.

Even disintegration is only a factor in integration. It is the negative pole to a positive force. If the main body dies from the loss sustained by the emission of an expulsive force, and a new coalition is formed of the freed atoms, the karmic action which ensues, as a result of such necessity will invariably bring a similar catastrophe upon the new body within a comparatively short time, for karma works incessantly to preserve the integrity of the whole, to draw to a common centre the fragments expelled from the centre at the beginning of a great world period. If you were working in harmony with that law, every effort of your lives would go toward the building of any Lodge Centre with which you were identified. Instead of flying off at a tangent at any blow struck against that centre, you would gather every bit of energy in your auric body for the purpose of tightening your grip upon it. If there was an expulsion of disintegrating force within its ranks, you would change it or make it harmless. It is absurd to say that any body or coalition is too strong to conquer by your single efforts. Patience and determination will overcome evil or weakness; and by the exercise of the same you must eventually succeed, or be proved in the wrong by the forces you yourselves have evoked. In the latter case, if your motive has been pure, your real purpose has been served, which was the defense of your brethren, and their best good.

If you desire life, health, happiness, success in spiritual aspiration, take this communication and use it as a bugle call. Get into line, evoke your higher principles, take your place by the side of your Commander and work for the good of the organization. If you let the enemy pound your body (The Temple) to fragments, or to vitally injure its usefulness, you may be sure you will suffer defeat, not *within*, but *without* its ranks, and a worse defeat than ever before, because your original purpose was higher than the



purpose of the enemy—the expelled atom before mentioned. It is the original motive of each atom which furnishes the concentration and integration of the atoms of the organic body. The expulsion of the atom is without individual self-conscious motive; it is due to the mass-motive of self protection, and is therefore of a lower order of power; and it is for this reason that the body can be shocked by the expulsion of an atom.

If its composite mass had arrived at the point of self-conscious individuality, the explosion which always causes an expulsion, would occur within the atom expelled alone, and on the confines of the mass, where it could not injure the mass as a whole.

Gird up your loins and work for the individualizing of The Temple as you would work for self-consciousness as an individual.

#### THE WAR OF ARMAGEDDON.

Do you realize that the war of Armageddon, already commenced on the astral plane, and to be precipitated on the physical, is a religious war? strange as that statement must appear in this age of Iron. This is not recognized by the majority of those who see its coming; but, driving them on with fiendish ingenuity, the demons of darkness are forcing England, Japan, Russia, China, Germany and the United States, and even those fomenting internal struggles between factions, into what appears to a materialist to be a struggle for material power. But, back of all exterior causes, is the struggle for spiritual supremacy. On one side is the accumulated strength, power and fanaticism of the ages, embodied in the "Brothers of the Shadow," leagued against the strength, power, communism, true democracy and conservative force—the garnerings of the middle path, of the "Brothers of Light."

I have told you the forces seemingly precipitated upon members of The Temple by the Brothers of the Shadow were not in reality primarily directed against you as individuals; they are against Us, The White Lodge, the progenitors of the human race, the bearers of the cosmic hammers and battle axes, the Keepers of the Temple of the Holy Grail, and the great war referred to is between the Brothers of Light and of Shadow, and the gages of battle are the souls of men. The final result means freedom or slavery for the human race for ages to come. It means man's victory over death, or continual dying. Man's union with God, or dispersion from God, and it is these tremendous, incalculably great issues, which will make the result of this universal contest the point of balance in the evolution of man, for ages to come.

Look deep enough, and you will see the jewels of truth in my statements. Remember it will be true Christianity, typified by the white race, that will be lined up against prostituted Shintoism, Buddhism, Confucianism, etc., as typified by the yellow race, and the latter are being reinforced by the devil-ridden devotees of demonology who belong to the black races. The Occidental and Oriental races are the vehicles of power, but the one great issue is the higher evolution of man.

Look underneath the surface of all the exterior causes set up by those who are contending against each other in this world-wide struggle for future existence on this planet, and you will find what is sometimes termed religious instinct,—the innate longing of the latent or the awakened soul for consciousness of Self. When that longing has deteriorated by constant indulgence of the sensuous, selfish, lower nature of man through repeated incarnations, the soul is driven out from the body, and the longing for spiritual supremacy, the cry of the created for its creator is replaced by a longing for material supremacy; and a corresponding spiritual degradation to that given by the material uplift, takes place.

The incarnating Ego is thus disgraced and degraded by being compelled to seek the races which are on the downward arc of civilization in order to incarnate. The yellow and black races long since lost their power of interpreting and absorbing spiritual truth. They are only now passing the lower point of that arc and so have but just started on their upward arc; consequently there is a natural religious antagonism back of the material antagonism felt by both races for each other.



### THE CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE.

Years ago I heard that the teachings of Theosophy were cold and Christless, the dead child of barren intellectualism. *Today* I hear asked of the Temple and of the Temple Philosophy, what say ye of Christ? I find small answer to make *to him who has not already found the answer* within him. I find silence indeed the only answer worth while to him who finds not in my life and his life the presence of the Christ; who sees not in the midst of the Temple the Christ himself. I am a living epistle, and we Templars are living epistles, and the Temple is a symbol and a sign. If men read not there of Christ, then either Christ is not there, or, if He be there, the eyes that seek for Him are holden. *But to him whose heart has cried aloud*, lo, He is here! I answer, as for



myself I found and still find the Christ in The Temple and I found and still find the radiance of His presence in the lives of the souls who have been drawn to give themselves and all that they are to the service of Him in this His Temple. But anxious ones ask of me, "Are you sure? and if you are mistaken what of the wreckage of life and hope and opportunity?" Then it is that I cast myself on my face before His feet and cry, Oh Thou, whom I see but dimly, but whose arm I have felt about me, and the fragrance of whose Presence fills my soul with vision,—touch Thou my heart that it beat true, and my mind that it be subservient and teachable, and my hand that it do justly, and my feet that they swerve not from the Path, and my ears that I may not miss Thy voice, and my life that I may not cloud judgment, nor cause my brother to stumble. Having cried thus, I stand upon my feet and answer my brother in this spirit,—No, in last analysis, I am not sure, but I have heard a voice and the voice has always said, *you may lose Him* from your heart, and from your mind, and from your life, but *He cannot lose you*. Therefore, if so be, in my blindness, I have missed the Path, and these things I see be but phantasies of a disturbed and undeveloped mind; if this Temple be not His Temple,—nevertheless, of this I am sure,—that He allowed me in blindness to lose the Path, He made it possible that my mind be beset with phantasies, and I am sure that *His arm shall be revealed* in that hour when all these things shall be tested by fire for me and for the *great multitude* who must pass through *great tribulation*. If so be, that, in the fire, that is destroyed which we have built in the one *foundation* which He hath laid in eternity, and we suffer loss and great tribulation, still, out of the fire shall we pass to build more truly. For of this I am convinced, that *we are The Temple which He is building and has built, and we may not be destroyed*. The Temples we build shall all be destroyed until we become one with Him and this is our great confidence—that all that we build untruly shall pass away, until we build with Him and see Him, building, alone. Thus is the Christ-child born, in great travail and in great tribulation.

*To you, fellow Templars*, as individuals and of us all as a whole, I have this to say,—unless we enter into the Presence of the Christ, as a bride enters into the chamber of her husband, seeking there, in aspiration and prayer and silent waiting, the hour when the Christ-child shall be conceived anew within the womb of our love and of our life, and of our understanding, then is our entry into the Temple adultery and prostitution, and no other; and if,

having thus entered the Temple as the bride of the Lamb, slain from the foundation of the world by our sin and uncleanness,—if, having thus entered the Temple as His bride, we prove untrue *to* Him, and forgetful *of* Him; and, passing out, give ourselves to any other, where shall we turn? and to whom shall we go to cover our shame? If this, our Temple, be not His Temple, and we are already prostitutes and outcasts, where but in the blazing fire of His Presence, heaped with the fuel of His love shall we find the cleansing of our soiled robes? And where shall we flee to escape this eternal fire?

I speak not in terms of theology or philosophy, but in terms of vision. No one need misunderstand me. The words I speak are but a screen upon which I would cast the light of His Presence, that together we may see there the reflection of Himself.

I read yesterday, that there are two people worth while—the *sinner* and the *sufferer*. All have sinned and all have gone astray, and all have suffered. That aspiring soul among us who has reached the highest point on the Path, knows the best and feels the most keenly, how far our best endeavors fall short, and how our truest ideals transgress. Sin, according to the old definition, is any want of conformity to, or transgression of, the law of God. We have all failed to conform; we have all transgressed, and will. The only distinction between the purest of us and the most unclean is in the comparative grossness of our sin. A law is a law, and whether it be broken by the youngest child at his sum, or the oldest sage at his subtle problem—by each alike has the law been broken. Our robes are all alike stained and filthy, and nothing but absolute return to Him can bring us cleansing. There is but one Christ. The Christs of all time are One in Him. There is but one Master. All Masters are but manifestations of Him. There is but one Temple—the Hearts of all His Children. There is but one Church through all time, and that church is the Bride of Christ. There is but one child born to the Christ and His Virgin Bride, and that is the ever-evolving Soul of the Humanity—that is, and was, and shall be.

It is for us to show in our lives the spirit of all this, and to show it so plainly, that the wayfarer, though he be a fool, may read while he runs. We may not act a part. We must be a part.

For: "Unto us a child is born, and unto us a son is given, and the government shall be upon His shoulders, *and of the increase of His government there shall be no end*, and his name shall be called Wonderful, the Prince of Peace."



The whole earth travails and is in the labor pain of a new birth. The Great Serpent waits to destroy that which shall be brought forth. It rests with those who have taken the vows of the true Templar to overcome the Great Serpent by the cleansing power of the life-blood of the Lamb within them, and the word of their testimony which is the Sword of His Spirit. Many have drawn the Sword with which Peter smote, mistaking it for the Sword of the Spirit. Beware lest in the stress of the conflict we forget that this battle is not one of garments rolled in blood, but is of flaming hearts fed with the fuel of His mighty loving; and, forgetting, draw the sword of Peter, which always smites the Christ, and leave undrawn the flaming Sword of the Spirit, which always smites the Great Serpent.

DR. G. B. LITTLE.

PALO ALTO, CAL.

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### LIFE AND DEATH.

Life is challenging death every moment of our lives: the notes are touched but we heed them not: bells are filling the air with our funeral dirge, but we listen not. The embryonic strain, feeble at first, gathers strength with the passing years. On the watch-tower of the brain her vigils doth she keep, and the peals go forth, unconscious to man, till numbness and dumbness seizes all and death claims its own.

To keep the regenerative forces in advance of the destroying ones, is the only sure way of evading premature decay, and reach life's truest, strongest ultimatum. All-enticing allurements have secreted tones. How many of us are fully alive as we should be, how many have all our brain cells in good working order? So we say, we have not, if we are not living in a physical and mental status sufficiently strong to enable us to meet any unexpected event, pleasant or otherwise. Our natural enemy is cautious by advancing or waiting to be duly installed; countless are the avenues for his approach, and unless we vigorously defy his insidious movements, he will overcome us all too soon. Our constitutional vagaries invite the two extremes, following oft-times close upon each other, so that we are forced to take refuge under temporary shelter nearest at hand. What besets us most is the blind assumption of the *knowing ones*, skilled they may be in some departments of science, but their category as a whole is too limited, too confining.

We, in this advanced stage of existence, or human life, need a faith as pertaining to healing or religion, as deep as the ocean, high as the star-lighted skies, broad as the universe. When ideas

are limited in any direction, expansion ceases, and the life current also, and that much is dead, apparently.

The legitimate out-growth of the human will never sinks into insignificance or runs riotously over all else if the offshoots are wisely clipped, and no venomous worm allowed at its roots. The various promptings of the human heart are unbalancing enough, as far as life and death are concerned, without having to endure any unjust treatment from leaders or teachers.

Favoritism stalks boldly over the whole earth and laughs at its own deceit, while death, in all its sickly, hideous forms prevails. Proselytes in every cause are victimized more or less, by those who are born full-fledged into the usages and ways of the gold power. The abnormal condition of the many who are laboring with might and main to balance the scales, that they will not drop with them, calls for a continual prohibition of all extravagant customs among all enlightened people, on the fair face of free American soil.

The astute systems so prevalent among us are simply debauchery when viewed from an unselfish standpoint; but compulsory action vitiates the blood, rendering insecure the fundamental principles of what should be a firm structure. Life—life is the watchword that sits enthroned everywhere, and the necessary adjuncts do their parts in sustaining it although the most forcible relations which they sustain are not observable to mortal eyes. Some writer has said: "We grow to look like what we love best." Do we not all love flowers, and cannot we cause our souls to correspond to a garden of flowers? To be bright, attractive and emit an aura that all will know? We will name the flowers, Love, Hope, Joy, Peace, Faith, Truth, Charity, Temperance and Industry. To personate what is good in all things we love best, will be to rapidly attain a perfect life, a life that death can never reach. Every inhalation will bring newness of life, fullness of character and perfect dominion over self, and all beneath. Every faculty or organ not in a healthy and working order is dead, and we are the accountable ones. We have not dressed and kept the garden free from noxious weeds and forbidden fruit. For we do not believe in having a single tree in our garden not pleasant to the eye or sweet to the taste.

The tree of life is man himself, for that alone is immortal. Who does not enjoy a large, symmetrical, perfect tree? and who does enjoy a knotted, dwarfed, lop-sided one? No, dear comrade, your tree and mine is growing one way or the other. Which is it?

The secret of true death is its completeness into Life.

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E. P. TALLANT.



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## EDITORIAL MIRROR.

Therefore perform thou that which thou hast to do, at all times unmindful of the event; for the man who doeth that which he hath to do, without attachment to the result, obtaineth the Supreme.—*Bhagavad Gita.*

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How many Temple members, we wonder, are trying to regulate their lives and thoughts in accord with the fundamental spiritual line revealed in the above precept. It is a foundation line of the Cosmos as well as of man in his capacity as a soul builder. Working on this underlying moral foundation line, man builds his life and destiny on a Divine plan. On no other plan will building lead to the Supreme.

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And what is this Supreme? In the ultimate, it is the Omnific Light, the Omnific Sound, the Omnific Silence—the Light that is darkness to the material man, the darkness that is light to the spiritual man. In other words it is identification with God—the Highest Good. Particularized, it is the supreme of truth, of wisdom, love, beauty, strength, justice, and all the qualities which in combination is the Crown of the God-head.

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To win by losing, to hold by yielding, to possess by giving away, to receive by giving, to gain our life by losing it, to live by dying, to gain the whole world by renouncing it,—the secret and mystery of all these and more are contained in the meaning of the precept of attaining the Supreme by acting without attachment to the result.

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The strong forces poured out during the last convention are still operating for good, and many signs show the new impulse and high forces coming into the work for its upbuilding and strengthening. The pruning knife of the Great Sifter is carefully removing the dead wood from the grand old Temple tree and the sap of Lodge life and love is bounding forth to vivify the branches to the very tips.

Members should wake up to the opportunity of using this great force for helping others as well as themselves, for it is a universal force pulsing from the Great Heart of Infinite Compassion, and is poured forth for the help of all creatures.



Brother and Sister Templar: Do not forget to repeat from your heart daily, the mantram: "Great Unifier, Universal Spirit of Harmony, Love and Wisdom, bind Thou in bonds of Holy Brotherhood, all Temple children."

W. H. D.

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## CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

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### *Temple Builders—Lesson 55*

#### JUST A FAIRY STORY.

Do you want to hear a fairy story? I know you all believe in them. If you do not you are very foolish children, for they are really true. This one I am about to tell you is, but maybe you will have to think way in and far out to find in what way it is so. Anyway I shall try and help you.

We will begin with once upon a time; that is the way they all do, you know. Well, once upon a time, there was a little girl who had a lovely garden. Work, my! but she did work. Her poor hands were torn and blistered from taking up weeds, her eyes and head ached and burned from the sun, but never a word of complaint came from her lips, although sometimes it was very hard to keep back the tears.

One day a fairy came to her and said: Because of your tired hands, because of your labor, because of your great love, you have created within yourself a substance so fine, that you do not know that it is there. Now you have but to walk on the beds of your garden and at your command there will spring forth the most rare and beautiful flowers. It is not necessary for me to tell you of the joy of the girl, or how in the face of this wondrous gift her past labors seemed as naught.

Then there was another well known in the land of fairies. You may have met her. Hers was a like power but expressed in a different way. Her voice was so sweet, her words so kind and helpful, that from her lips fell wonderful gems, which she gave to the poor. In the Bible it is told of the time when the spirit of kindness and love will so pervade man that the wild beasts will



feel this love in him and come and lie at his side. What is more, the same spirit will enter their hearts and the lion will cease to war on the lamb and there shall be peace. There are in India to-day, men that have gained that power to such an extent that the animals in the woods come to them because they know they are kind. All animals are quick to know whom to trust and whom not, so you see that the kindness that the League of Kindness is trying to arouse, is really a force that can be felt, and what is more, seen by some people.

There is another way that this force can be expressed. It has been said of some people that they are so filled with the beauty of Kindness that when they pass out of our lives it is like the "ceasing of exquisite music."

So, dear Builders, is it not more than worth while for us to try and develop within us that force of Kindness that will make all nature come under our sway? Real flowers may not spring from under our feet, nor real gems fall from our lips. At first, animals may distrust us, for long have they been abused by man; but we will have within our hearts the true and real sides of these things which will make us like the sunbeam, full of light; like the tone of music, full of sweetness.

LOUISE FURLONG.

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### MOTTO FOR LEAGUE OF KINDNESS.

A touch of Kindness here and there makes the Light shine everywhere.

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### AT LITTLE VIRGIL'S WINDOW.

There are three green eggs in a small brown pocket,  
And the breeze will swing and the gale will rock it,  
Till three little birds on the thin edge teeter,  
And our God be glad and our world be sweeter!

—Edwin Markham.

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### A BEAN STORY.

[Written by a little girl after picking beans all morning in the T. H. A. field]

Once there was a little bean seed and it said, "This is such a beautiful sunny day that I think I will push my head above the ground."

So she put her little head above the ground and day by day a little plant grew longer and more beautiful.

By and by it had lots of nice beans on it and people came and gathered them all up and the beans saved lots of people from starving.

LILLIAN CLEMENS TANQUARY.

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### TEMPLE HOME ASSOCIATION NOTES.

The T. H. A. farmers are threshing beans these days, horse bean and little whites. They also recently bought thirty pigs to eat up the by-products of the bean field and threshings.

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Some of our city members may wonder what horse beans are. They are probably called horse beans because as a rule they are not fed to horses, though horses would eat them if they are cracked. The horse bean is a very large bean much larger than a lima. It is said to be used in making flour for sea biscuit and hard tack—possessing a nourishing value much greater than wheat flour and also a much greater “keeping” quality, not spoiling so readily.

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The Temple Home Association plan was given by the Master, and in brief, is a plan making for the establishment of an industrial Centre where members and people may come and find their true home under the protection of high and beneficent forces—or the Great Lodge, in other words. Naturally, the first few years is the pioneer stage and the hardest period with more difficulties to overcome. This is the stage where an ounce of assistance will count for more than a ton later on when the work is self-supporting. In other words NOW is the time to help in order to make karmic merit. It is the fundamental aim of the T. H. A. to use every means in its power to make opportunities so that a living can be assured those who desire to come here, but much has to be done and conditions made in an orderly and systematic way and step by step. Slow growth will at least be true growth with corresponding permanency.

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In order to make the work self-supporting and extend the lines so that more workers may be drawn here, additional capital will be required for some time to come. The T. H. A. has assets in land and real property worth ten times the amount of its liabilities, but ready money is always needed to help new lines and strengthen old ones. The T. H. A. Board intends to get rid of the



mortgages as soon as it can and here is where capital should come in and help. Were the mortgages paid off the whole work would be absolutely self-supporting NOW. Therefore more capital will help this. It can be raised in two ways, either by members taking out additional certificates, investment if necessary—or inducing others to take out membership or investments, or by buying lots in Halcyon Beach tract.

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Therefore, it is recommended if you do not have a membership certificate in the Association apply for one at once. It will cost \$100 and can be paid down at once or in installments of \$5 per month. The work is a work for humanity under the direction of the Great Lodge of Light. The Great Ones of that Lodge furnish the directions and the force—but we, humanity, must do the actual work on this plane—and as has been transmitted to us—if that work is not done in the spirit of love and self-sacrifice, it will not be possible for the Masters to enter in and work with it. And this spirit of love and self-sacrifice depends upon the attitude and action of every Temple member. NOW IS THE TIME AND THE WAY HAS BEEN SHOWN.

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### SOME BOOKS.

The book shelves of the Halcyon Book Concern present some attractive volumes to the student of occult and mystic lore. Some new books have been added which are of especial interest. One of these is "Lao-Tze's" "Wu Wei," by Henri Borel. In most exquisite and soulful expression are its three chapters on Tao (God), Art, and Love, rendered, presenting the deepest truths of occult philosophy so sweetly and naturally that the mind of the reader responds sympathetically in fullest measure.

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Then there are the old "stand-bys" like the "Ocean of Theosophy," "Key to Theosophy," "Esoteric Buddhism," giving, each a thorough outline of the fundamentals of the Wisdom Religion, sometimes called Theosophy. For the vegetarians there is "The Perfect Way in Diet," giving satisfying reasons for his faith and dietary.

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There is also that remarkable book "Etidorhpa" which so far as the title is concerned is Aphrodite spelled backward. For the

student of the mysterious and the marvellous there is nothing like it. The wondrous journey to the Centre of the Earth is replete with spiritual and scientific instruction. The narrative in the book is claimed to be literally and historically true, and is the actual account of the real initiation of one who is now a Master.

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"The Perfect Way," by Dr. Anna Kingsford, is invaluable for one who seeks the true Christ ideal and the true concept of that Universal Divine Force in all Nature and Creatures which is ever uttering itself in forms of Truth, Beauty, Love and Righteousness.

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Several works on reincarnation are valuable. For the bible student, "Reincarnation in the New Testament" is helpful and offers good evidence. "Reincarnation by Walker" is a collection of poems and writings from noted authors, ancient and modern, and shows how the poets "the prophets of the race" have ever voiced that great truth of re-birth in successive physical forms.

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For devotional and ethical books, the "Bhagavad Gita" is the work *par excellence*. This book is read by the Adepts, it is said. The depths of Wisdom in it are unfathomable. The "Gita" is the key to all knowledge and wisdom from the ethical side showing the great fundamentals on which all action in men or gods are based.

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"Letters That Have Helped Me," is just what the title indicates, helpful to all students who have started on that "path which winds uphill all the way."

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"Socialism in Brief," is a neat booklet giving a fine comprehensive exposition of the subject—a subject which every man and woman should thoroughly understand the principles of in these days.

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Another ethical work is "Beacon Fires" by B. S. Its chapters are soulful and uplifting and point out the true Path. The matter in the book was given in the very early days of the Temple.

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"Light on the Path," and "Through the Gates of Gold," are



simply gems that no student of occultism can afford to be without. The same also of "Voice of the Silence," by H. P. B.

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"The Working Glossary," also should not be forgotten for new students who want the foreign words and terms in the literature explained and defined.

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The occult romance, "Brother of the Third Degree," thrills with interest from beginning to end and best of all is a rich mine of occult instruction.

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"A Dweller on Two Planets" is also interesting and instructive. It is a story that deals largely with Atlantis and purports to have been given by an Adept.

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### TEMPLE ACTIVITIES AND NOTICES.

Our sister, Mrs. Dell H. Munger, though unable to attend the convention, paid the Centre a visit of several days on her return to her home at Palo Alto.

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The members of The Temple are reminded that October is one of the semi-annual periods for payment of dues. It is always a help to the work if our members respond promptly.

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Our sister, Miss Harriet A. Farrar of Los Angeles, is still sojourning with us, staying at the Halcyon Hotel.

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A younger sister of Miss Grace Tanquary of the Halcyon staff (Lillian Clemens Tanquary) is spending her vacation, of several months duration, at the Halcyon Hotel. The family home is at Denver, Colo.

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We had the pleasure of another visit from our brother, Charles James, about the middle of August. He remained a couple of days, and while here, gave a most interesting and instructive lecture in the Halcyon parlors, on Dramatic Art.

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The office of the Temple Scribe has been removed to the new postoffice building, situated just north of the Headquarters Cottage.

The topics presented by the Temple Builders during the past month at Hiawatha Hall, Oceano, were as follows: "The Will"; "Beethoven and the Symphony"; "Temple Builders"; "Unity."

At the Sunday afternoon services, held at the Headquarters, under the auspices of the Temple, the topic "What Is God," was presented by various speakers, from different points of view.

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